



National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
John C. Stennis Space Center

StenniSphere

Scouts Can Earn Merit Badges at Stennis Space Center!

Merit Badge Programs

StenniSphere, the visitor center at NASA's John C. Stennis Space Center (near Bay St. Louis, Miss.), offers ongoing programs in aviation and space exploration.



By attending the "Oh My Stars, We've Landed on Mars!" live stage presentation, Boy Scouts can complete their **Aviation Badge** requirements, and Junior Girl Scouts can meet their **Space Exploration Badge** requirements.

In addition, Boy Scouts can meet four of the eight requirements for their **Space Exploration Badge** by "boarding" the International Space Station exhibit and seeing how astronauts live and work in space. Girl Scouts can meet five of the nine requirements for their **Aerospace Badge** by attending the same program.



Girl Scouts®



NASA astronaut Michael Fossum proudly displayed his Scouting pride by wearing his Boy Scout uniform under his NASA jumpsuit when he visited Stennis Space Center.

How to Sign Up

Reservations for Scout groups are required in order to guarantee seating and program scheduling. To make your reservations, scout leaders should call 1-800-237-1821 (Option 1) in Mississippi and Louisiana, or access StenniSphere's online reservations form at www.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors/tour.html

Scouting and NASA

NASA is proud of the contributions Scouts have made to America's space program. **John Glenn**, the first American astronaut to orbit the Earth, was a Scout and so was Apollo 13 astronaut **Fred Haise**, who is from Biloxi, Miss.



Astronaut John Glenn, 1st American to orbit Earth



Biloxi native Fred Haise, Jr., Apollo 13 astronaut

Former Scout and Shuttle Astronaut **Richard Truly**, from Fayette, Miss., went on to lead NASA.



Mississippian Richard Truly, astronaut and former NASA Administrator

Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, was a Girl Scout.



Sally Ride, first woman in space

Many NASA astronauts learned valuable lessons in scouting that helped them achieve their goals and serve their country.

Admission to StenniSphere is FREE. Open Monday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (except New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Tours depart from the Launch Pad tour stop at the Hancock County Welcome Center on Interstate 10.